## PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2016

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH





The <u>Public Health Scholars</u> program is a unique training and professional development opportunity for graduate students in public health who have an interest in Public Health research. The scholars receive an opportunity to enhance their skills in applied research by practicing in a large, local public health department.



The Los Angeles County-based Public Health Scholars program is jointly sponsored by the Medical Director in the Department of Public Health.



Scholars are paired and mentored by researchers in the Department of Public Health. Scholars also receive supplemental training in theory, methods, and public health practice that will strengthen their understanding of the root causes of health disparities.

Each scholar works on a full-time basis in a 10-12 week program during the summer of 2016 and will conduct research on a particular Public Health issue. Each scholar completes research on a defined topic and leads a manuscript that may be published in a peer-reviewed journal.

## PROGRAM GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Cultivate a commitment among future leaders in public health to address health disparities—an area critical to the advancement of public health.
- Advance critical public health disparities research in large urban settings.
- Supplement the training of public health schools through applied public health experience.
- Encourage graduate public health students to consider rewarding careers in frontline public health at the local level.

## **PROGRAM TIMELINE**

Announcement and Applications
Open for 2016

Winter 2015-16

Application to LA County website for **Winter 2015-16** Administrative Aid position

Program selection/interviews

Spring 2016

LAC DPH Public Health Scholars Program 2016 Begins Summer 2016

\*All dates are approximate